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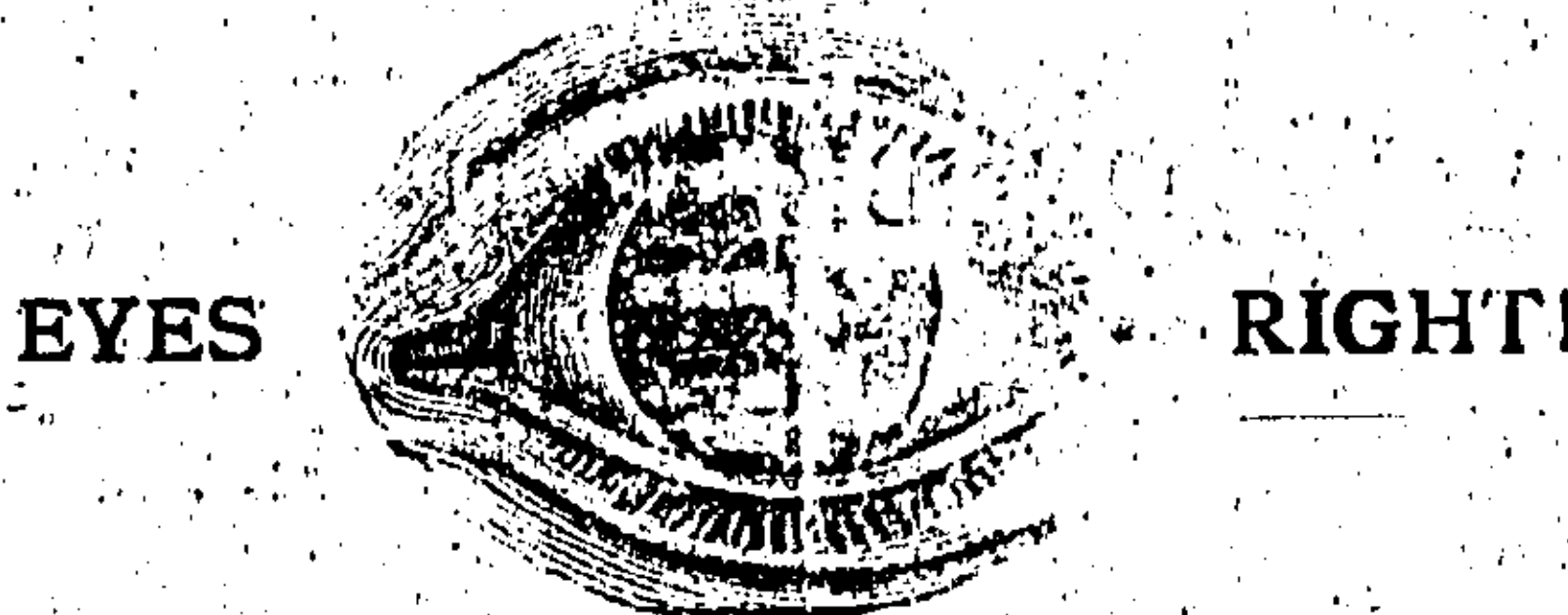
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1.45 p.m.	2.15 p.m.	Every 10 minutes
2.15 p.m.	3.00 p.m.	Every 15 minutes
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ASSAULT ON A CHINESE OFFICER.

CURIOUS STORY FROM OSAKA.

Three Chinese student officers joined the 4th Cavalry Regiment, Osaka, towards the end of last year for a course of training. Since the middle of last month, one of them, Mr. Yuan Hua-sun, has several times absented himself from drill. On the 21st ultimo the Commander of the company to which he was attached reprimanded Mr. Yuan for his conduct, and pointed out the inviolability of military discipline. The Chinese officer protested against the reprimand, and continued to absent himself as before. Thereupon, it is asserted, the commander assaulted the delinquent officer, as a result of which the latter proceeded to Tokyo, where he appealed to the Chinese Minister. A few days ago the Chinese Minister, telegraphed to General Tsuchiya, Commander of the Osaka Army Division, expressing his regret that the Chinese officer had deserted the barracks for so trifling a matter, and asked for advice as to the course he should take. General Tsuchiya replied telling the Minister to instruct the officer, to return. Subsequently an answer was received from the Chinese Minister, requesting that the officer be dismissed from the service, as he refused to return. According to the Army Penal Code, an officer who deserts and does not return to duty within six days is liable to be court-martialled. But as the Chinese officers are placed in the Japanese army for training purposes on condition that they are exempted from punishment under the Army Penal Code, Mr. Yuan cannot be brought before a court-martial. The commander who committed the assault has been subjected to the *kinshin* (confinement at home) for seven days, the matter being thus settled.—*Japan Chronicle*.

NO LAW AGAINST KISSING.

AN AMERICAN JUDGMENT.

"To sit on a sweetheart's knee is a practice sanctioned by law, ancient tradition, and modern usage." That sentence summarises a judgment delivered at Cleveland by Judge Adams, says the *Telegraph's* New York correspondent.

An excited parent had demanded the arrest of his daughter. "She is sixteen," he said. "I came downstairs at 11.30 one night and found her sitting on a young man's knee, with her arm round his neck. I told her to go to bed immediately, and ordered the young man away. She kissed him good-night before my eyes. I want you to awe her. I demand an injunction." "You ask," replied the judge, "more than the Court can give," and proceeded to state his judicial reasons.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

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IN THE BOTANIC GARDENS.

FRIDAY, 26th February.

Open 2 P.M. to 6 P.M., admission 5s. Mrs. May has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes at 5 P.M.

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Tea will be obtainable on the grounds. By kind permission of Major Evans and Officers, the Band of the 13th Rajputs will play on both days from 2.30 to 6 P.M. Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [19]

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Hongkong, 20th June, 1904. [21]

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WEATHER FORECAST AND STORM WARNINGS ISSUED FROM THE HONGKONG OBSERVATORY.

METEOROLOGICAL SIGNALS.

Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station at Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here:—

1. A CONE point upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.
2. A CONE point upwards and 2 U.M. below indicates a Typhoon to the North-East of the Colony.
3. A DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.
4. A CONE point downwards and 2 U.M. below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.
5. A CONE point downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South of the Colony.
6. A CONE point downwards and 2 BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.
7. A BALL indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.
8. A CONE point upwards and 2 BALL below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signal indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. *Tamar*, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

URGENT SIGNAL.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:—

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMBS, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

NIGHT SIGNALS.

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. *Tamar*.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

These Night Signals will be substituted by the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour.

Cap Rock.	Aberdeen.
Waglan.	Sau Ki Wan.
Stanley.	Sau Kung.
Cape Collinson.	Sha Tau Koi.
	Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

Further details can always be given to Ocean Vessels, on demand, by signal from the light-houses.

F. G. WOOD, Director.

16th Feb, 1909.

Entertainments.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1969.

If the present Government comes to the conclusion that foreign influence will be weakened by the reduction and final exclusion of foreign grown opium: it will approve such recommenda-

which any certain rank with, if not take precedence of, may still be considered of our day about with no little ostentation and noise have been made, and the extensive and ever-increasing demand that has been created for this medicine wherever introduced appears to prove that it is destined to cast into oblivion the questions recorded that were formerly the sole reliance of medical men. Therapion may be obtained of the principal chemists and druggists throughout the world. — *Diamond File of American Business* **SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS**

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On February 12, 1900, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. LAUROSCCHI, a son.

On February 14, 1900, at Shanghai, the wife of WARRINGTON HENRY CORNECK, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

On February 12, 1900, at Shanghai, CECIL R. V. GORDING, Imperial Maritime Customs, Shanghai, to ANNE MARY WAY, of London.

On February 15, 1900, at Singapore, FRANK BOST, of Mengatall, British North Borneo, to ELLEN ISABELLA, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Donnelly, of Nippon.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1900.

SHIPPING SUBSIDIES IN JAPAN.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

The introduction in the Diet by the Government of Bills to revise the laws for the encouragement of navigation and shipbuilding has evoked a great deal of comment from the vernacular Press. At present, remarks the Tokyo Asahi, in addition to the liberal terms provided for in the law for the encouragement of navigation, the Government is according special bounties to the European, American, and some other lines. The liberal manner in which Japan has been subsidizing her shipping has resulted in a great increase in the tonnage of vessels qualified for protection. The increasing drain on the Treasury for the purpose of shipping subsidies has alarmed the Government as well as the people, and has induced the authorities to amend the laws for encouraging navigation and shipbuilding. The proposed Navigation Law, which is now awaiting treatment in the Diet, is intended to

replace the two diverse systems—ordinary and special subsidies—under which Japanese shipping is now subsidised. There is no doubt that the amendment aims at enforcing more rigorous conditions than at present on vessels qualifying for protection, but the Government proposes to retain the operation of the present law until September 1914, as regards vessels which are at present enjoying subsidies and which are now being built with the object of obtaining the subsidy under the same law. According to the existing arrangements a vessel of 1,000 tons or more, having a speed of 10 knots, is qualified for protection, but in the proposed law the minimum qualification will be 3,000 tons and 12 knots. Again the standard rate of subsidy given at present is 25 sen per ton for every 1,000 nautical miles navigated, which is to be gradually increased according to the increase of tonnage in a vessel and the greater speed that may be developed. The amendment, however, fixes the maximum subsidy at 50 sen per ton per 1,000 miles, and leaves the exact amount to be granted to the authorities concerned. The decision of the Minister of Communications as to the grant of shipping subsidies will, however, be subject to the approval of the Diet.

Apart from the merits or demerits of the proposed law for shipping subsidies, for which there seems to exist some ground for discussion, it is necessary to consider, continues the Asahi, whether Japan is justified in adopting a measure which aims at liberally subsidizing her shipping. At a recent meeting of the Budget Committee, Mr. Uchida, a Government delegate, pointed out that England is annually spending ¥1,770,000 in shipping subsidies, America ¥8,730,000, France ¥14,830,000, Germany ¥4,870,000, Austria ¥8,000,000, and Japan ¥13,000,000. The figures above quoted show that France spends the largest amount of money on her shipping, while Germany's disbursement is the smallest. Despite this fact Germany's maritime trade has been making great strides, while that of France is making but tardy progress. The motive that induced even England—a country where free competition in trade is the guiding principle—to spend so much on the protection of her shipping, may in a large measure be found in the competition of German shipping. In fact, the remarkable progress of the maritime trade of Germany has surprised the world, and shipping people in other countries are afraid of its competition. The shipping industry of France, on the other hand, is in an unenviable condition. Japan's tonnage, for instance, has reached over one million tons, though that of France does not exceed 700,000. These examples will be sufficient to show that the development of a country's shipping hardly depends upon the amount of subsidy granted by the Government to the industry.

[It should once again be pointed out that the money paid by the British Government to shipping companies is in no sense a bounty for the encouragement of shipbuilding or the shipping trade. By far the greater part is simply payment for the carriage of mails.]

Japan Chronicle.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE English mail of the 23rd January was delivered in London on the 19th inst.

Mr. W. H. Taft has stated definitely that the Panama Canal will be opened in 1910.

THE transmission by post of opium, morphia, morphine and cocaine is prohibited by order of the Governor in Council.

THE actual amount formally sanctioned by the Secretary of State for expenditure on Indian railways in the official year 1899-1900 is 12½ million sterling.

ONE of the most important exhibits in the Nagpur Exhibition (India) is a pale yellow diamond about the size of a pigeon's egg and valued at Rs. 7,000.

WE are informed that Bro. Stephen, who was connected with St. Joseph's College for 11 years, is returning to the Colony by the Kulsing, which is due on Tuesday, 23rd inst.

THE Prince Regent has received the order of the Empress Dowager to complete the work on Emperor T'eh Tsung's Mausoleum in three years, and to see that the work is substantial and well executed.

THE Japanese officials engaged in communication work have invented wireless telegraphic instruments which enable them to establish communication over distances of 400 miles by day and 1,000 by night.

LORD Glenesk, late proprietor of the Morning Post, who died on Nov. 24, left estate valued at £400,172 gross, with net personally £347,186. The great bulk of his property is left to his daughter, Lady Bathurst.

A FOG system was installed at Povorotny Light-house on the 28th January, 1900. A fog signal is a blast of five seconds' duration at intervals of one-and-a-half minutes, and can be heard at a distance of three miles.

ACCORDING to the vernacular papers, the Chinese Waterworks Company on the Chinese Bund has not been prospering, and His Honour the T'at T'at had a meeting the other day with the Chinese Municipal Council to discuss taking over the concern.

As the regulations for the prohibition of morphia traffic, proposed by the Inspector-General of Customs, did not provide for the punishment of smugglers, the Waiwup has instructed a note be taken to add this provision when considering the regulations.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING.

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall, at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1900. Mr. E. Shalim, chairman of directors, presided. There were also present:—Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson (deputy chairman), Messrs. E. G. Barrett, C. Friesland, C. S. Gubbay, W. Helms, C. R. Leckie, R. S. Shaw, H. A. Siebs, Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade, H. E. Tomkins (directors), J. R. M. Smith (chief manager), J. Cox-Edwards, Ho Fook, Ho Kqm Tong, Lo Cheung Shiu, A. Findlay Smith, G. del Castillo, J. M. E. Macchado, Ellis Kadoorie, J. C. Peter, J. A. Jupp, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. E. Clarke, W. Hutton Potts, Dr. J. W. Noble, W. H. Wickham, G. Murray Bain, T. F. Hough, O. H. Ross, J. Barton, A. F. Warrack, T. Skinner, W. Dunbar, F. Maitland, E. H. Hinds, Murray Stewart, H. N. Mody, Capt. O. V. Lloyd, E. F. Mackay, R. R. Hynd, Lau Poo Chiu, C. Pemberton, E. D. Haskell, Wong Leung Him, H. C. Joas, Dr. J. B. Sanders, W. Taylor, D. Tohdow, H. M. H. Nedmaste, F. H. Thomas, and F. G. Carroll.

The Chief Manager read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman, having read the report, said:—Gentlemen,—Before proceeding to discuss the Report and Accounts I have to refer with deep regret to the great loss sustained by the Bank through the death of Sir Ewen Cameron. The high tribute paid to his services by the Chairman in 1905, when prolonged illness led to his enforced retirement from active duty, will not be forgotten. Although in failing health, he continued up to the day of his death to take the keenest interest in all that concerned the Bank and as a member of the London Consulting Committee was ever ready to give to the management the benefit of his ripe judgment and varied experience of men and affairs. By his death the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank loses a wise and able counsellor and one whose name will always occupy a prominent place in its history. I have also to express on my own behalf and on that of my colleagues on the Board our sorrow at the untimely death of Mr. C. G. R. Broderick. Mr. Broderick had been a Director for a short period only but long enough to prove himself a valuable member of the Board and to earn our esteem.

Turning now to the Accounts, you will see that the result of the half year's working including \$300,774.81 carried over from the previous six months leaves the sum of \$3,619,125.65 available for distribution and I hope you will approve of

a dividend of 2½ per share, a bonus of 5½ per share, \$5 lacs added to Silver Reserve Fund, and about \$5 lacs carried forward as recommended by your Directors. Despite all we have heard about dull and restricted trade the Bank has had a good half year and it is a great pleasure to the Board to be in a position to recommend a bonus of 5½ per share in addition to the usual dividend. I need hardly say that these results testify to the manner in which the Staff from the Chief Manager downwards continue to work in the interests of the Bank and I am sure that you will approve the action of your Directors in voting, as a mark of appreciation, a bonus of 1% on salaries. (Applause.)

Comparing the statement of Assets and Liabilities with that of six months ago you will notice an all-round increase in the figures. Chinese New Year fell on January the 22nd, and its near approach, when money is always in special demand, accounts for the increase of some \$5 lacs in the Note Circulation. Deposits show the large increase of about \$33 millions. Of this increase: Gold deposits account for nearly \$31 millions and although the lower rate of exchange on the 31st December last is responsible for a greater amount expressed in dollars still in sterling the increase is £2,400,000, which being mainly due to the proceeds of recently issued public loans, that have not yet been drawn from our London Office, can only be considered as temporary. In the increase of \$12 millions in the Silver deposits may be seen a reflection of restricted trade, as a great proportion of such increase no doubt represents accumulation of capital waiting for a trade revival. You will readily understand that some difficulty was experienced in finding remunerative employment during the half year for this large increase in the amount of money entrusted to the Bank's keeping. Bills Payable show an increase of \$30 lacs. On the other side, the amount of dollars deposited with the Hongkong Government is raised from \$10,000,000 to \$13,000,000. Cash and Bullion in hand and in transit, are higher by about \$48 lacs. Bills Discounted Loans and Credits have increased by \$10 millions and Colonial and Other Securities show an increase of \$48 lacs, due to temporary investments on account of the increased resources already referred to.

In China the period under review has been one of great moment. The almost simultaneous deaths of the Emperor and the Empress Dowager whose influence over the destinies of China has made itself felt for a long period of years, and the accession of an infant to the throne with his father as Prince Regent, are events which have occurred, fortunately, without the peace of the land being disturbed. Let us hope that under the new regime many of the more urgently needed reforms will be inaugurated and carried into effect and the fresh developments of the Empire's vast potential resources may give a new impetus to the national prosperity and increasingly promote the well-being of the people.

Favourable crops in India have stimulated exports and the recuperative power of the country is again manifesting itself. After a period of anxiety, due to curtailed applications for allotment, it is satisfactory to note an increasing demand in London for realisations to India by Council bills, and further evidence of returning prosperity is to be found in the continued demand for Bar Silver. The continuance of the Indian demand displaying as it does a remarkable capacity for absorbing Silver, independently of Government requirements has been of once the chief feature and the principal support of the Silver market; not however without encouraging new speculative tendencies which result in keeping the market in a highly sensitive state rendering it liable to frequent fluctuations and producing an unsettling effect upon the China trade.

Although I cannot say that trade in the Far East during the past six months has been altogether satisfactory, yet the hopeful view of the prospects taken at our last meeting has, I think, been justified. A healthier tone is noticeable, business generally is on a sounder basis, stocks of imports are gradually being reduced, and crops have been good. Renewed commercial activity has sprung up throughout America while in Europe money continues plentiful and cheap. Thus the time seems ripe for a return to prosperity, and the commencement of a new period of expansion in trade. (Applause.)

There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. C. H. Ross, in seconding said:—Gentlemen,—It affords me considerable pleasure to second the Report and Accounts which have just been presented for your acceptance. The Chairman's reference to the loss we have sustained through the death of Sir Ewen Cameron, and the acknowledgment of the valuable and practically lifelong service which he rendered to the Bank, will I feel sure be appreciated by all shareholders present and absent. (Applause.)

The Accounts presented, Gentlemen, do not seem to me to require any comment, they appear satisfactory, eminently so, and I think we are to be congratulated on the very excellent results of the past half year's working which our Directors have to-day presented. If this be the result of a half year of dull and restricted trade, what indeed may be expected when the tide of prosperity again flows in the Far East! (Applause.)

A brief reference was made by the Chairman to changes which have taken place in Peking during the past few months, changes which, as the Chairman remarked, are of great moment. The disappearance of that commanding personality, the great Empress Dowager, from the autocratic position which she had held for such a long period, the death of the Emperor Kwang-Hsu, and the accession to the throne of an infant, are events, indeed, which for good or ill must affect the Empire with which our interests are so closely connected.

Happily, the peace of the land has not been disturbed, and the changes consequent on the commencement of this new reign, appear to be taking place in a quiet, orderly and common-sense manner.

The Regent, Prince Chun, who will hold the Helm of State for many years to come, has the inestimable advantage, which I believe no other Chinese Ruler of modern times have ever possessed, of having travelled beyond the limit of the Empire and visited Foreign Countries. It may be presumed therefore that his horizon is not altogether limited to within the walls of the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace, and I cannot help thinking that this knowledge of the outside world must be of great value to the country which has rules. I trust therefore that the Empire in which all of us have such great and important interest may be entering upon a new and prolonged period of prosperity, and that slow but sure progress may be made with the many reforms which are so urgently needed. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, results such as have to-day been presented for your acceptance and approval, can only be brought about by hard work and good judgment. Our thanks are therefore surely due to the Chief Manager and the Staff who have achieved for us these splendid earnings. (Applause)—and I feel sure that you will all most cordially approve of the bonus to the Staff which has been voted by the Directors. (Applause.)

Gentlemen, I have very great pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts as presented to you to-day. (Loud applause.)

Mr. A. Findlay Smith proposed, that the election of Mr. H. A. Siebs as a Director be confirmed and that Mr. R. Shewan, Mr. E. Shalim and the Honourable Mr. H. A. W. Slade be re-elected Directors.

Mr. John A. Jupp seconded the motion was agreed to.

On the motion of Mr. E. F. Mackay, seconded by Mr. G. Murray Bain, Mr. W. Hutton Potts and Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar were re-elected Auditors.

The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen; thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday.

Capt. C. V. Lloyd.—As almost, if not quite the oldest constituent of the Bank in the East, it seems not inappropriate that it should fall to my lot to say a few words to-day in recognition of the splendid services of our Board of Directors; what those are, you have already seen in the Report which is now in your hands, and no eulogy of mine would add to their worth, although no doubt you will realize that more effectively when the Dividend Warrants are handed round. Let times be ever so good, good direction is as essential in the prosperous days as in the days of adversity, and I think we can congratulate ourselves on having secured that in our Board, and I have much pleasure in asking you to join me in a vote of thanks to the men who have so successfully and triumphantly piloted the ship of the Bank through the troubled financial waters of the past year. (Applause.)

The Chairman.—On behalf of the Directors I thank you for your vote of thanks.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Mr. Buchanan, Special Commissioner of the United States to Venezuela, has signed a Protocol with President Gomez for the settlement of all outstanding difficulties between the two countries.

OFF-DAY RACES.

STEWARDS—His Excellency Sir F. J. D. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Lambton, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., A.D.C.; His Excellency Maj. Genl. R. G. Broadwood, C.B., Commodore H. Lyon, R.N.; The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.; The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.; The Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson; Messrs. F. B. Deacon, G. Friesland, J. A. Jupp, J. C. Peter, C. H. Ross and H. P. White.

STEWARDS IN CHARGE OF THE SCALE—Messrs. F. B. Deacon and G. Friesland.

HANDICAPPER—Maj. Gen. Broadwood and Mr. J. A. Jupp.

JUDGE—The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.

ASSISTANT JUDGE—Mr. C. H. Ross.

STARTER—The Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G.

SECOND STARTER—Mr. H. J. Gedge.

TIME KEEPER—Mr. T. S. Forrest.

HON. TREASURER—Mr. J. F. Cox-Edwards.

CLERK OF THE COURSE—Mr. T. F. Hough.

In gloomy weather, the concluding events in a most successful meeting were witnessed by the same large number of spectators as on previous days. At first it was generally thought that King Sol was going to favour those below with his booming face, but later on it was evident that this was not to be and during the afternoon it began to drizzle. The turf was in excellent condition, the green sward with its pleasant soundings being a source of pleasure to the eye, as is invariably the case on the occasion of this important social function of the year. The many charming costumes of the ladies were once again in evidence and lent additional colour to the paddock. The excellent Band of The Buffs was again in attendance and discoursed pleasant selections of music which contributed not a little to the general pleasure. The same keen interest was manifested in the racing as on the first three days and the betting booths were not lacking in patronage. The afternoon was not free from surprise, but the various events were marked by an absence of any sensational finish. Disappointment was experienced in the fact that in the second and third races, only two jockeys were weighed out.

1.—THE "LUCKY" CUP.—Value \$50. Presented. For all subscription griffins that have run at this meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced runners allowed 5 lb. Entrance \$10 to go to second pony. Half a mile.

Mr. Humphreys' Sir Joseph 1st 1lb (Dupree) 1
Capt. Barker's Shaun Abou, 1st 1lb* (Heathcote) 2
Mr. John Peel's Dunkerry, 1st 4lb (Gresson) 3
Mr. Olympia's Hippomedon, 1st 7lb* (Schroer) 0

Mr. Olympia's Hercules, 1st 13lb* (Jordan) 0
Admiral Lambton's Horatio, 1st 4lb* (Mackie) 0
Mr. S. V. Chichey, 1st 4lb* (Oliver) 0
Mr. Scarlett's White Knight, 1st 7lb* (Scarlett) 0

Mr. Chichester's Jack Straw, 1st 13lb* (Chichester) 0
Messrs. Hynd and Hynd's Baghi Dua, 1st 10lb* (Peterson) 0
Mr. Christian's Droschkegaul, 1st 10lb* (Hickman) 0
Mr. Studd's Butcher, 1st 2lb (Humphreys) 0

Mr. Macdonald's Highland Laddie, 1st 2lb (Vida) 0
Mr. Elbee's Regret, 1st 13lb* (Roberts) 0
Mr. Olter's Torridge, 1st 8lb* (May) 0

* 5 lb allowance.
† 2 lb overweight.
‡ 1 lb overweight.

The large field of sixteen started in this race. Highland Laddie led by several lengths. The others were more or less in a bunch. At the village bend Highland Laddie will led. In the home straight, Highland Laddie was overhauled by Sir Joseph, Shaun Abou and Dunkerry, and a splendid race home followed. Sir Joseph being first, Shaun Abou getting second place and Dunkerry third. Regret finished last.

Time: 1:01 3/4.
Winner: \$17.00.
Cash Sweeps: 1st \$53.55; 2nd \$195.30; 3rd \$97.65.

Parimutuel: 1st \$970; 2nd \$152.00; 3rd \$12.20.

2.—THE "LITTLE GEM" CUP.—Presented. For all griffins that have run at this meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins that have run at this meeting and been placed second allowed 3 lb, those that have been placed third allowed 5 lb. Unplaced subscription griffins allowed 5 lb. Off-day winner barred. Entrance \$10 to go to second pony. From the two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. John Peel's Garib, 1st 4lb (Gresson) 1
Messrs. Findlay and Moir's Strathdallas, 1st 4lb (Vida) 2

This was a tame race, only two ponies facing the starter. The two kept well together till the furlong was reached. Rounding the village, Garib took the lead and beat and got home an easy winner.

Time: 2:4 1/4.
Winner: \$8.10.
Cash Sweeps: 1st \$152.25; 2nd \$510.75.
Parimutuel: 1st \$7.70.

3.—THE "VISITOR" CUP.—Value \$50. Presented. For all China ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a Race. Weight for inches as per scale. Unplaced ponies and bond side griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins of this season allowed 5 lb. Allowances not accumulative. Off-day winner barred. Entrance \$10 to go to second pony. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dryadun's Coxcomb, 1st 12lb (Dupree) 1
Hon. Mr. F. H. May's Astral, 1st 12lb (May) 2

Another poor exhibition was displayed in the above event; two ponies again going round the course. Coxcomb, who as splendidly ridden,

led at the start. Pending the spectators' stand for the first time, Coxcomb led by two lengths. At the home straight, Dupree started using the whip on his mount and won as he liked from Astral.

Time: 1:40 1/2.
Winner: \$6.40.
Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,687.50; 2nd \$362.50.
Parimutuel: 1st \$6.50.

4.—THE "BARRY" CUP.—Presented. For subscription griffins of this season that have run at this meeting and not won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. Jockeys who have not had more than two winning mounts in Hongkong, Shanghai, or Tientsin allowed 5 lb. Jockeys who have never had a winning mount allowed 7 lb. Off-day winners barred. Entrance \$10 to go to second pony. One mile.

Mr. Olter's Tamar, 1st 7lb* (Vida) 1
Capt. Barker's Shaun Abou, 1st 8lb (Heathcote) 2
Mr. H. Gibbon Moore's Lyemum, 1st 11lb (Moore) 3
Mr. J. S. Sill's Gambler, 1st 6lb* (Hickman) 0
Hon. P. G. Scarlett's White Knight, 1st 7lb* (Scarlett) 0

Mr. J. H. Law's Bystander, 1st 1lb (Dupree) 0
Mr. Wheeler's Pip, 1st 11lb (Morris) 0
Mr. C. H. Ross' Ben Alder, 1st 13lb (May) 0

* 7 lb allowance.
† 1 lb overweight.
‡ 2 lb overweight.
§ 5 lb allowance.

Lyemum led from the start. Past the stand, the order was—Shaun Abou, Lyemum and White Knight in a bunch, Shaun Abou maintaining his lead from Lyemum, with Pip following in third position. The same order was maintained approaching the incline. Past the Rock, Shaun Abou led from Moore's mount by several lengths with Pip third. Lyemum got into first place at the village bend. A magnificent race home followed, Lyemum relinquishing his premier position. Tamar was first, Shaun Abou second and Lyemum a good third.

Time: 2:10 4/5.
Winner: \$12.60.
Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,934.19; 2nd \$557.60; 3rd \$276.30.

Parimutuel: 1st \$5.80; 2nd \$15.70; 3rd \$6.00.

5.—THE "ROSE" CUP.—Presented. For all China ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins allowed 5 lb. Subscription griffins allowed 7 lb. Off-day winners barred. Entrance \$10 to go to second pony. Seven furlongs.

Mr. Olympia's Poseidon, 1st 2lb (Schroer) 1
Mr. Brutton's Kingston, 1st 11lb* (Brutton) 2
Major Eaton's Game Chick, 1st 2lb (Scarlett) 3

Mr. John Peel's Castletock, 1st 10lb (Gresson) 0
Mr. Dryadun's Earthquake, 1st 9lb (Dupree) 0

Lieut. Leeson's Soudan, 1st 11lb (Leeson) 0
* 5 lb allowance.

The last race of the day produced a surprise in Poseidon's win. Kingston was second, and Game Chick third.

Time: 1:51 2/5.
Winner: \$97.10.
Cash Sweeps: 1st \$1,170.80; 2nd \$622.80; 3rd \$317.40.

Parimutuel: 1st \$21.00; 2nd \$9.50; 3rd \$21.60.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

Tokio, Feb. 15.

A banquet was given yesterday evening to commemorate the seventh anniversary of the announcement of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Count Komura, Minister of Foreign Affairs, said that he was confident that the Alliance would continue to grow in strength and to conduce to the mutual interests of the two countries.

Sir Claude Macdonald, the British Ambassador, said that it was most gratifying to find that the Powers recognized the Alliance as an effective pledge of peace and that the three Great Powers were concluding similar agreements with Japan on the basis of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance.—N. C. D. News.

In the course of a case at Southwark recently Judge Willis said he supposed telephones were a reality, but he had never seen one.

THE Imperial Board of Astronomy has fixed upon the 18th instant for the ceremony of investing the late Emperor T'eh Tsung with the posthumous title and due preparations are being made for the occasion.

Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

CHAN PIK.

HASTY DEPARTURE FROM PEKING.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 19th February.

It was the intention of Chan Pik, ex-president of the Ministry of Posts and Communications, to appeal against his dismissal, but as soon as he heard that Censor Chiu Pik-lun sent in a further memorial denouncing him he left Peking post haste.

RETRENCHMENT.

OFFICIAL SALARIES.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 19th February.

It has been decided by the various ministries that officials holding additional appointments shall not be given salaries in addition to their substantive appointments.

FOREIGN MARINES.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po"]

Peking, 19th February.

The Waiwupu has sent telegraphic instructions to all the foreign countries to desist from the practice of landing their marines in China for fear lest it might lead to disturbance.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

CANTON-HANKOW RAILWAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent]

Canton, 9th February.

As Taotai Wong Ping Yuen has been appointed by H.E. Chang Chih Tung, Superintendent of the Canton-Hankow Railway in Canton, as a resident official to look after the interests of the Railway in the Kwangtung section (reported yesterday) the Directors of the Canton-Hankow Railway Company are now in a state of anxiety lest the newly-appointed official might on occasions interfere with the working of the Company and that the railway might be reverted to the official administration. The Company has therefore convened a meeting to take place on the 10th instant, consisting of the members of the nine Charitable Institutions, the merchants of the Twenty-Two Guilds and other promoters of the Company to discuss matters in anticipation of any interference by this official.

ARMED ROBBERY CONTINUED. Yesterday, the prisoner Che Chui Tsi, alias Leung Tsui, who was extradited to Canton from Hongkong a short time ago and charged with armed robbery and murder, was tried before the local Magistrate; the British Consul was also present to witness the proceedings. The prisoner pleaded guilty and a conviction was recorded.

DEPUTY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS RETURNS. Taotai Ng Kwong Kin, the Viceroy's deputy of Foreign Affairs, who proceeded to Shanghai on official business a month ago, returned to Canton yesterday.

OFFICIAL CHANGES. A rumour is now current in official circles here that the present Provincial Treasurer H.E. Wu Seung Lum will be transferred to Fukien as Provincial Treasurer in place of H.E. Sheng Ki Hing; the latter will come to Canton to fill the former's position.

Taotai Li Kwong Yu has been appointed by the Viceroy to be Director of the Ying Mu Chu (Military Department) in succession to Wong Leung Iat, who has been transferred to Ko Chow.

ENTHRONEMENT OF NEW EMPEROR. H.E. Viceroy Chang Jen Chou has issued a proclamation notifying the public that the Imperial Rescript announcing the enthronement of the new Emperor Hsuan Tung is expected to arrive in Canton shortly, and that all officials, civil and military, and the local gentry should assemble at the Yat Kuen Ting in official dress on the 22nd day of the 2nd moon (21st instant) to receive the document. Ceremonial rites will be performed in the Imperial Temple on this occasion.

TWO PERSONS KILLED IN ARMED ROBBERY. On the 15th instant, a large gang of robbers attacked the Ming King village in Paany district. Before the robbers entered the village, an alarm was raised and the villagers collected with weapons and offered vigorous resistance, compelling their foes to take to flight. During the fight between the two parties, two of the robbers were killed. During the last four months several cases of armed robbery were reported to have taken place in this village in which a few persons are said to have been kidnapped.

THE construction of the Metropolitan Life Insurance building tower in America, about which there has been so much comment in building and engineering circles, presents some interesting figures. The tower is 680 ft. from the cellar floor to the top, 65 ft. square, 47 stories high, and weighs 84,000,000 lbs. It contains 1,100 windows, and required 8,135 tons of steel as well as utilizing 40,000 barrels of cement.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the fortieth ordinary meeting, to be held at the office of the General Managers, on Tuesday, the 9th March, 1909, at 12.30 o'clock p.m.

The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in submitting to the Shareholders the Fortieth Annual Report of the Company.

1907 Account.—This account shows a profit of \$330,232.90 which sum, subject to the approval of the shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz.:

Divided of \$17 per Share.....\$116,000.00
Addition to Reserve Fund.....114,232.90
\$330,232.90

1908 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$3,871,123.

MORTGAGES.

From the reports and valuations made by the Company's Surveyors, the General Managers and Consulting Committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made.

CONSULTING COMMITTEE.

In accordance with Section 13 of the Articles of Association, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. White, Maitland and Gubbay retire but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and H. Percy Smith, F.C.A. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

BALANCE SHEET, 31ST DECEMBER, 1908.

Liabilities.	Assets.
Capital 8,000 shares of \$50 each	
== \$400,000.00 of which \$50	
per share has been paid up...	\$400,000.00
Reserve fund.....	1,323,941.56
Uncollected dividends.....	12,593.05
Accounts payable.....	47,469.94
Working account, 1907—	
Net profit.....	330,232.90
Working account, 1908—	
Amount brought forward from	
below.....	368,711.23
	\$1,482,948.68

Cash on Current Account with

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$1,377,219.46

Cash in hands of General Managers, 680.12

Fixed Deposits—

Hongkong & Shanghai

Banking Corp'n., \$50,000.00

Chartered Bank of India

Aust. & China, 50,000.00

Mercantile Bank of

India, Limited, 25,000.00

125,000.00

Mortgages—

In Hongkong, \$1,139,449.99

In Shanghai 744,673.69

1,884,123.68

Japanese Government Deposit—

Consolidation bonds \$5,927.51

Imperial bonds 45,376.28

War bonds 17,791.61

82,448.41

Chinese Imperial Govt—

Government Loan, 1886, 21,207.74

Shanghai Land Invest-

ment Co., Ltd.,

Debentures, 27,586.20

Shanghai Club Debentures

26,666.67

Hongkong Hotel Co.,

Ld., Debentures, 32,000.00

127,400.61

Accounts receivable.....

125,816.20

\$1,482,948.68

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1907.

Losses and Claims, \$123,730.30

Charges, 39,270.91

Remuneration to Consulting Com-

mittee and Auditors, 5,500.00

Commission, 48,997.71

Balance as above, 330,232.90

\$547,740.82

Net Premium received, less Returns

and Reinsurances, \$81,237.90

Charges, 34,635.19

Commissions, 49,306.20

Exchange, 2,871.51

Balance as above, 168,711.23

\$330,232.90

Net premium received, less returns

and re-insurances, 374,694.03

Interest, 161,079.00

Transfer fees, 89.00

\$536,762.03

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,

General Managers.

We have examined the books, vouchers and

securities of the Company, and certify that the

above statements are in accordance therewith.

W. HUTTON POTTS, Auditors.

H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A., Auditors.

Hongkong, 19th February, 1909.

ITALY'S SORROW.

CHINA'S SYMPATHIES.

The Italian Minister in Peking has received a telegram from H.E. Tuan Fang, Viceroy at Nanking, informing him that the following sums have been contributed by the different provinces towards the Italian Earthquake Relief Fund, and have been remitted to the Italian Consul at Shanghai through the Taotai: Manchuria Tls. 5,000, Chihli \$10,000, Kwangtung \$10,000, Hepeh Tls. 5,000, Fokien Tls. 3,000, Yunnan Tls. 2,000, Kiangsu Tls. 5,000, Chekiang Tls. 5,000, Shanjiang Tls. 4,000, Hunan Tls. 4,000, Kiangsi Tls. 3,000, Anhui Tls. 4,000, and Kuichow Tls. 2,000; total Tls. 45,000 and \$30,000. The Italian Minister has conveyed his thanks to the various Viceroys and Governors. China's action in this matter, it is believed, will conduce greatly to cement the friendship of China and Italy.—N. C. D. News.

LAO KUNG MOW COTTON CO.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The fifteenth annual general meeting of the Lao Kung Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., was held on 12th inst. at Shanghai, in the office of Messrs. Albert and Co., the general managers. Mr. F. Anderson occupied the chair and those present, representing a total of 1,135 shares, were Messrs. J. M. Young and C. Michelau, (Directors) H. Fox, A. Murphree, C. Selby Moore, R. Spuit, Jacob Spuit, A. E. Charlton and Ping U.

The Chairman said:—The Report and Accounts have now been in your hands for some time and with your permission we shall follow the usual custom and take them as read. The past year may be divided into two parts as regards cotton spinning—the first part up to about the middle of September throughout which we were spinning the raw material of the '07 crop and from then up to the end of the year when we spun entirely the new season's cotton. The first part was not a very remunerative time from a spinner's point of view as we were unable to establish any material advance for yarn whilst we had a continuously hardening cotton market to deal with, but towards the end of the year, cotton declined and we were able to get better prices for our yarn than making the eventual out-turn of the year better than we had expected up to the late autumn. At the present time the indications are again in favour of high prices for cotton towards the close of the season. Chinese report that the crop will prove to be short of last year; more mills are working day and night, which of course means increased consumption; the export to Japan to date is about 300,000 picols short of the corresponding period last year, and Chinese in the country are so well off that they are in no hurry to bring forward supplies. Some mills, anticipating a shortage towards the end of the season, have contracted for moderate quantities of Indian cotton, but spinners in China are severely handicapped by having to pay import duty on this raw material, in addition to excise duty when it is spun into yarn. We hear a great deal about projected reform in China, but whilst in many cases it is difficult to introduce reform, we have here a case in which it could be brought about by a stroke of the pen; perhaps as foreign importers it is to our advantage that China should remain the only country in the world whose tariff is hostile to industrial development, and in favour of foreign competitors, but as residents interested in the development of Shanghai we can only regret this short-sighted policy. As for this year we have begun well, have sold out production up to the end of April, and have fully covered ourselves as regards cotton. The old trouble of adulteration by moisture continues to flourish unchecked and all appeals to the native authorities to suppress it are in vain. Turning to accounts there is one item which requires some explanation; when the mill was started we built Chinese houses near the mill for our work people, but experience has shown that the bulk of them prefer to live in their own houses, notwithstanding that in many cases they are at a considerable distance from the mill. Our houses were seldom all let, and the tenants were not our work people, in the majority of cases. Last spring we found that a considerable expenditure on repairs was necessary, and rather than continue to have capital, which could be better employed in our business, locked up in property, we sold the houses for Tls. 20,000—a low price perhaps, but better was not forthcoming. As the property stood in our books at Tls. 30,000 there is a balance of Tls. 10,000 to be written off out of working account. With the appropriation recommended to be written off in the Report both Buildings and Machinery are fully depreciated out of earnings, leaving us sufficient to pay a dividend of Tls. 4.00 per share. The total amount written off for depreciation out of earnings with this year's appropriation amounts to Tls. 380,000 or very nearly 50% of our capital. If any shareholders have any questions to ask I shall be glad to answer them to the best of my ability.

No questions were asked, and on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Young the report and accounts were adopted.

A resolution proposed by Mr. Young and seconded by Mr. Michelau, declaring a dividend of Tls. 4 per share, was also passed.

The third motion, proposed by Mr. Selby Moore and seconded by Mr. Murphree to the effect that Mr. J. M. Young be re-appointed a Director was carried.

Mr. Fox proposed and Mr. Selby Moore seconded that Mr. G. R. Wigmore be re-elected auditor, and this also met with approval.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Michelau it was resolved to hold the next ordinary meeting in February or March, 1910.

A HOUSE foundation which can withstand earthquake shocks has been devised by a German architect. It is a steel plate in a sort of ball-bearing, with buffers near the rim to counteract any shock.

Today's Advertisements.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12.30 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 9th March.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd inst. to the 9th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, Hongkong, 19th February, 1909. [194]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

TUESDAY,

the 23rd February, 1909, commencing at 10.30 A.M. at

MADAME JAY'S PREMISES,

Des Voeux Road,

SILK RIBBONS, and FLOWERS, LEAVES, FANCY TRIMMINGS, LACES and INSERTIONS, DRESS MATERIALS, BLOUSES, EVENING GOWN, HATS, DRESS FORMS and BUSTS, &c.

On view from Monday, the 22nd Feb.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMBERT,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [195]

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

SEVENTH SESSION.

The seventh session opened at Shanghai at 10.30 a.m. on the 15th instant.

A report drawn up with the Opium question as it concerns Italy was presented by Signor Farone. The Netherlands report then came up for discussion, and afterwards the Chief Commissioner for Japan, in reply to questions put by Mr. R. L. L. M. P. give a series of statistics covering the sale of Opium Paste, the Consumption of Opium, and the Revenue derived therefrom in Formosa.

Mr. Tang Kuo-an, replying to questions put to the Chinese Delegation at the last sitting by Sir Alexander Hoile, quoted figures from the Japanese Report on Formosa in support of the Chinese estimates of the percentage of smokers to the population, and stated that the further information asked for would be supplied as soon as it could be obtained.

The Chief Commissioner for the Netherlands, Mr. de Jongh, then read a statement comprising the declared policy of his Government, which is gradually to reduce the consumption of Opium in Netherlands-India.

The Commission adjourned at 12.15 p.m. On reassembling at 2.30 p.m. there was a brief discussion on the Austro-Hungarian report, and Dr. Rösler asked the Delegate for Austria-Hungary to obtain particulars as to the use of opium in the Austro-Hungarian concession at Tientsin. The Persian report was left over for discussion until the question of the production of opium generally comes before the Commission.

A proposal made by Dr. Rösler that a Committee should be appointed to consider existing International Agreements on the opium traffic was accepted; and there followed a discussion as to the scope of inquiry generally to which the Commission should confine itself.

The Commission adjourned at 3.45 p.m., until Thursday, February 18.

THE CHINA SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the China Society, held on Jan. 14th at the Caxton Hall, "Sir John McLeavy Brown, C.M.G., formerly Chief Commissioner of Korean Customs, gave a lecture on "Early Reminiscences of China". The lecturer, who arrived in China in 1861, the year of the coup d'état which placed the late Empress Dowager in power as Regent, referred to the difficulties then involved by a change of rulers as finding a parallel in recent events. Yuan Shih-kai, who had suddenly been got rid of, was more trusted and more representative of progress than any other Chinese official, and it would be a great pity if he were kept permanently out of office. He did not think, however, that the change meant that there was any anti-foreign movement; it was merely a question of personal jealousy. When he arrived in China, shortly after the coup d'état, the people were quite unmoved and friendly, and during all the time that he was in the country he never met with any difficulty or unpleasantness from anybody. He thought it largely depended upon oneself whether one was well treated or not in going into the interior. After his residence in China he devoted 13 years to the financial administration of Korea, and when he left he was able to hand over £4,000,000, which he had saved. He would not allow them to use it, because there was no good use for it, but he was afraid it had gone since. He impressed on the Koreans the examples of Denmark, Holland, and Switzerland, which were small States but powerful because they did not get into debt, and kept their contracts, but his words were not listened to very attentively. The changes he witnessed in Korea were even greater than all he had seen in China, and the country had its railways, telegraphs, and newspapers. He could not but regret that it had lost its independence, but now the sooner Korea became a part of Japan the better for the Koreans, who were kept in a position of too great dependency. Admiral Ito Hon. Sir E. R. Fremantle, who presided, in moving a vote of thanks, also related some of his early experiences on the China station.

Today's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

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TUESDAY,

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One GOLD CHRONOMETER and one

DIAMOND RING;

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IRISH TRAY CLOTH, ALL WOOL

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dered), Double DAMASK LINEN IN P-

KINS, Gent's and Lady's EMBROIDERED

HANDKERCHIEFS, TAPESTRY TABLE

COVERS and CURTAINS, APRONS, and

FIVE O'CLOCK TEA CLOTHS.

TERMS:—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [196]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS,

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBROUGH, LONDON, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE."

Captain G. C. Cundy, R.M.R., having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, when they will be examined on FRIDAY, 16th instant, at 3 P.M.

All Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1909. [197]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

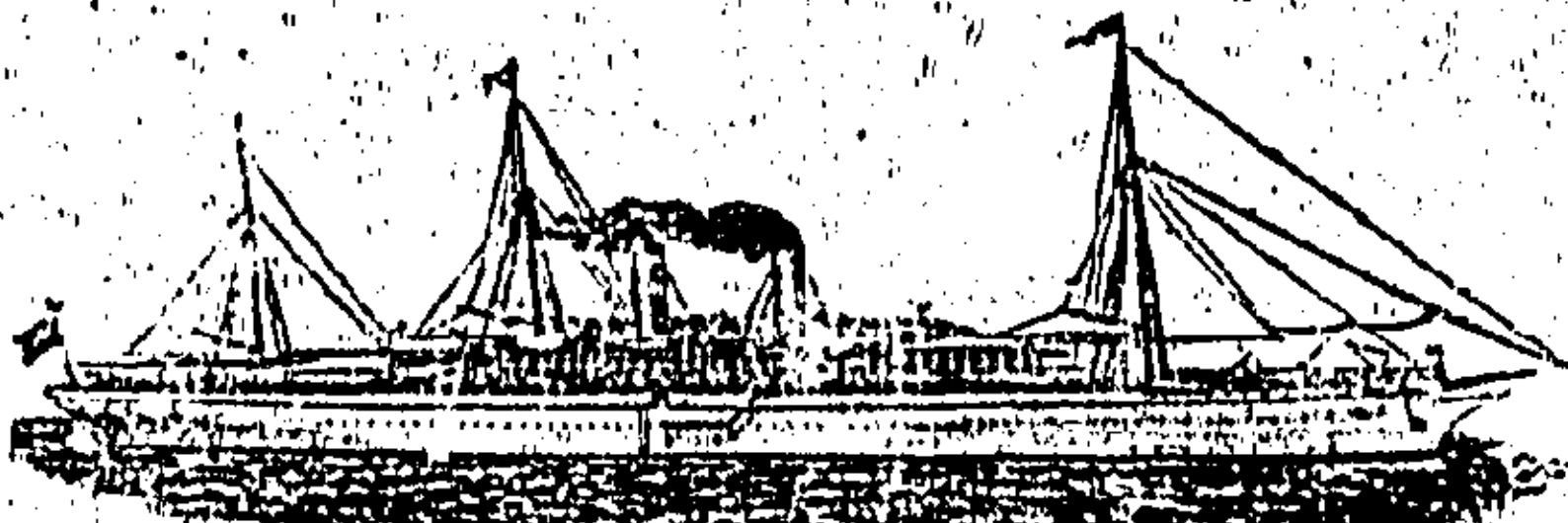
THE Steamship

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Shipping—Steamers.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



Luxury—Speed—Punctuality.

The only Line that maintains a Regular Schedule Service of under 12 Days across the Pacific is the "Empress Line." Saving 5 to 10 Days' Ocean Travel.

Table with 4 columns: R.M.S., Tons, LEAVE HONGKONG, ARRIVE VANCOUVER. Rows include MONTAGLE, EMPRESS OF INDIA, EMPRESS OF JAPAN, EMPRESS OF CHINA, and EMPRESS OF INDIA.

THE Quickest route to CANADA, UNITED STATES and EUROPE, calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, (through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN), Kobe, YOKOHAMA, and VICTORIA, B.C., connecting at VANCOUVER with a Special Mail Express, and at QUEBEC with the Company's New "Empress" Steamships, 14,500 tons register, thus providing a comfortable and speedy through route to Europe.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Table with 4 columns: For, Steamship, On, Daylight. Rows include SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, SANDAKAN, SHANGHAI, MANILA, and SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBÉ.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN.

The steamers Katsura, Nanyang and Fookiang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and rejoin at Kobe.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD., General Managers.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Table with 4 columns: For, STEAMERS, To Sail, Date. Rows include WEI HAI WEI & CHEFOO, HOIHOW & HAIPHONG, MANILA, TIEN TSIEN, CHINKIAN, SHANGHAI, MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, and AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms. A duly qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian, New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

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Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon midships.—Electric Light.—Perfect Cuisine.—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.

CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Table with 5 columns: Steamship, Tons, Captain, For, Sailing Dates. Rows include LAIRO and RUBI.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. GENERAL MANAGERS.

Shipping—Steamers.

FOR MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Ports in the United Kingdom and the Continent.

THE Steamship "MONTGOMERYSHIRE" will be despatched as above on or about the 23rd inst.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK, VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

FOR NEW YORK: S.S. "SURUGA" About 23rd February. For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED. FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE. (Calling at Port Darwin and Queensland Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide, New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship "ALDENHAM," Captain St. John George, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd March, at Noon. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

THE BANK LINE LIMITED.

Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Common Points in the United States of America and Canada, and also for the principal ports in Mexico, and Central and South America.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VICTORIA, B.C., SEATTLE & TACOMA, VIA MOJI, KOBÉ AND YOKOHAMA.

Table with 4 columns: Steamer, Tons, Captain, Sailing Date. Rows include Gymeric, Kumeric, Inveric, and Sweric.

These steamers are specially fitted for the carriage of Asiatic Steamer passengers. PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

STEAM TO CANTON.

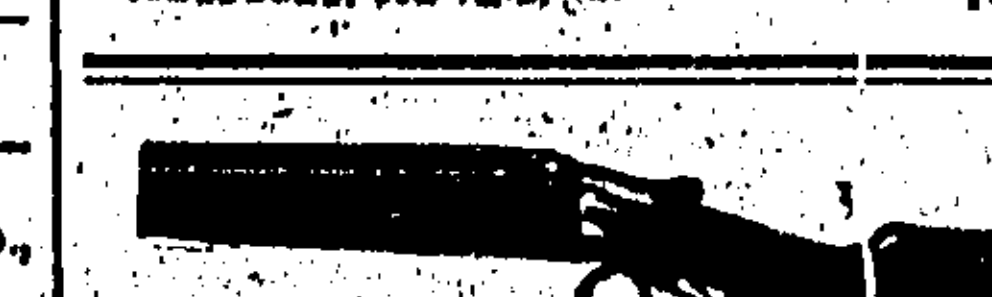
THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers "KWONG TUNG" Capt. E. W. WALKER. "KWONG SAI" Capt. E. S. GROWX.

These Fine New Steamers have unequalled accommodation for First Class Passengers and are lit throughout by Electricity. Electric Fans in First Class Cabin.

Passage Fare—Single Journey.....\$4. Meals.....\$1.25 each

The Company's Wharf is situated in front of the New Western Market, opposite the old Harbour Office.

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DIRECT from the manufacturers at lowest prices. 12 bore Double Breakdowners from \$95 each. Illustrated catalogue of latest model Shot Guns, Combination Guns, Sporting Rifles, &c., post free. D. JAMES & SONS, Ltd., George Street, London, E.C. England.

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REGULAR FREIGHT SERVICE TO AMERICA. (CANADA, UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CHILLI, RIVER PLATE, BRAZIL.)

Connecting at Vancouver with the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. OVERLAND Cargo taken for ALL CANADIAN and UNITED STATES PORTS.

THE Steamship "AMIRAL DUPERRÉ," Captain Martin, will be despatched on or about the 27th inst., for SHANGHAI, JAPAN and SAN FRANCISCO, &c., as above.

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GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED. PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net \$5.50 per Cask ex Factory. In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$3.45 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN TOMES & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, 15th August, 1900.

COLD STORAGE

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 cubic feet of COLD STORAGE available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 A.M. and 4 P.M. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

G. K. HAXTON, Manager. Hongkong, 6th January, 1900.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD.

(CAPITAL PAID UP\$1,250,000) Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c. Goods received on Storage. Advances made on Merchandise. Loans made on the Provident System.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG & CO., 司公隆廣李

CABINET-MAKERS AND ART DECORATORS, from Shanghai, has re-opened their FURNITURE STORE at No. 39, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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Have been patronised by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Telegraph Co., Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., and other leading Establishments in the Colony to whom reference can be made as to the Superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., write as follows: "We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to our Dispensary and gave us every satisfaction."

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Sold by all Chemists.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected 19th February, 1900. 100 cts. per 5 Mts.

BUTCHER MEAT.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Beef shank & prime cut, Corned—Ham Ngau Yuk, Roast—Shin, Breast—Ngau Lam, Soup—Tong Yuk, Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa, Sausages—Ngau Yuk Cheung, Bullock's Brains, Tongue—fresh—Ngau Li, Corned—Ham Ngau Li, Heart—Ngau Sum, Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin, Feet—Ngau Keok, Kidneys—Ngau Yiu, Tail—Ngau Mei, Liver—Ngau Oon, Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To, Galves Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-lan-keok, Mutton Chop—Yeung Pui Kwat, Leg—Yeung Pui, Shoulder—Yeung Shau, Pig's Chittlings—Ohl cheong, Brakes—Ohl Kow, Feet—Ohl Keok, Fry—Ohl Chak, Head—Ohl Tau, Heart—Chl Sum, Kidneys—Ohl Yiu, Liver—Chl Koo, Pork Chop—Ohl Pui Kwat, Corned—Ham Chu Yuk, Leg—Ohl Pui, Fat or Lard—Chu Yau, Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau, Keok, Heart—Yeung Sum, Kidneys—Yeung Yiu, Liver—Yeung Oon, Sacking Pig, To Order—Ohl Chal, Suet Beef—Saag Ngau Yau, Mutton—Saag Yeung Yau, Veal—Ngau Ohl Yuk, Sausages—Ngau Chal Yuk Tong.

POULTRY.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Chicken—Kai Chai, Capons, Large, Small—Sir Kai, Ducks—Ap, Doves—Pan Kan, Eggs, Hen—Kai Tau, Fowls, Canton—Kai, Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai, Geese—Ngo, Wild Shanghai—Sheng Hoi Ye, Mus Deer—Wong Keng, Hare—Tu Chai, Partridge—Che Khoo, Pheasant—Shan Kai, Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kep, Hollop—Hollop Pak Kep, Quail—Um Chiu, Rice Birds—Wo Pa Cheuk, Snipe—Sa Chai, Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung, Hen—Na, Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sulap, Teal, Shanghai, Sui Ap Chai, Wild Ducks Canton—Saag Shing Sui.

FISH.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Barbel—Ka Yu, Beam—Bin Yu, Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Bin Yu, Carp—Li Yu, Catfish—Ohl Yu, Codfish—Man Yu, Crabs—Hoi, Cuttle Fish—Muk Yu, Dab—Sa Mang Yu, Dog—Wong Mei Lun, Dug Fish—Tui To Sa, Eels, Congor—Hoi Man Yu, Fresh water—Tam Sui Yu, Yellow—Wong Shui, Frog—Tien Kai, Garapa—Sak Pan, Gudgeon—Pak Kuo Yu, Herring—Tso Pak, Halibut—Cheung Kwai Yu, Loach—Wong Yu, Lobsters—Lung Ha, Mackerel—Ohl Yu, Monk Fish—Mon Yu, Muller—Ohl Yu, Oysters—Sang Hoo, Parrotfish—Kai Kung Yu, Perch—Tui Loo, Pike—Fa Pau Poong, Plaice—Pan Yu, Pomfret, Black—Hak Cheung, Pomfret, White—Pak Cheung, Prawns—Ming Ha, Ray—Fa Pau Yu, Rock Fish—Sak Kan Kung, Roach—Guan Yu, Salmon, (fresh water)—Ma Yu.

FRUITS.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Almond—Hung Yan, Apples, (California)—Kam San Ping, (Chico)—Tin Chun Ping, Small—Hoi Tong, Guiltard—Fan Lai Chai, Bananas, fragrant, Canton—Sang Sheng, Hong Chiu, (brides), Macao—San Heung Chiu, Chestnuts, Chinese—Fong Lut, Carambola—Yeung Tou, Cocosnuts—Yeh Tai, Grapes—Sin Tai Tsai, Lemons, China—Ning Moong, Amer.—Kun San Ning Moong, Lichees, Small Stone—Lai Chai Con, Fresh, Lai Chai, Limes, (Saigon)—Sai Kung Ning Moong, Mango, Manila—Lui Sung Moong, Mango, Saigon—Sai Kung Moong, Mangosteens, San Chuk Tai per 100, Oranges, Tim Chang, Small—Tai Kut, Mandarin—Tim Kut, Olives—Pak Lam, Passion Fruit, (American)—Kam San Shut Li, Pear, (Canton), Cooking—Sa Li, (Shanghai)—Sheng Hoi Li, Peanuts—Fa Sang, Perimmons, Large—Hung Chiu, Pine-apples, 1st quality—Sheng Poon, Ti Pau-lau, and cooking—Chung-tang, Paw-lau, Plantains—Tai Chiu, Plums, Swatow—Hung Li, Pomegranate, Canton—Lo Yau, Walnuts, Hop 1st, Green—Sang Hop Tou, Shanghai Lo Kwat.

VEGETABLES, &c.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Price. Rows include Artichokes, Shanghai—Sheng Hoi Ah, Chai Chai, Beans, (French), Shanghai—Sheng Hoi, Pin Tau, Beans, Sprout—Ah Choi, Beans, Long—Tau Kok, Beet Root—Heng Choi, Brinjal, Green—Cheung Yuen Kai, Brinjal, Red—Hung Ker, Buns—Pak Choi, Bamboo Shoots—Chook Shun, Cabbage, Chinese, com.—Kai Chai, Cabbage, Red—Kai Lan Tau, Cabbage, (Shanghai)—Yeh Choi, Cane Shoots, bunch—Kai Shun, Cauliflower, Large size—Tai Yeh Choi, Cauliflower, Medium size—Cheung Yeh, Cauliflower, Small size—Sai Yeh Choi, Carrots—Kam Shun, Celery, Chinese—Tong Kan Choy, Celery, English—Yeung Kan Choy, Celery, White—Pak Yeung Kan Choy, Chilies, Dried—Com Lat Chiu, Red—Hung Fa, Green—Cheng Lat Chiu, Curry Stuff, English—Ka Lee Choi Liu, Cucumbers—Cheung Kwa, Blister Squash—Fu Kwa, Garlic—Suen Tau, Ginger, young—Sun Tsai Keung, old—Lo Keung, Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lik Kan, Indian Corn—Suk Mai, Lettuce—Yeung Sang Choi, Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai, Mandarin—Kwai Lum Ma Tai, Macao—Oh Moon, Pumpkin—Toong Kwa, Radish—Hung Lo Pak Tai, Rhubarb, Shalots—Con Chung Tau, Spinage (Chinese)—Pau Ohl, Spinage—Yin Ohl, Tomatoes—Fan Kai, Taro—Wu Tau, Turnips, Pui-chi (Long)—Low Pak, English—Yeung Low Pak, Vegetable Marrow—Chit Kwa, Water Cresses—Sai Yeung Choi, Caulrops—Lan Kok, Lily Roots—Liu Ngan, Yams—Tai Shu.

The prices necessarily vary from day to day, and the Sanitary Board has no power to compel stallholders to sell at the prices quoted.

Sd. G. GIBSON, Secretary, Sanitary Board.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. H. S. Kadoorie & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT	LAST DIVIDEND	APPROXIMATE DIVIDEND AT PRESENT QUOTATION	CLOSING QUOTATIONS
BANKS.				RESERVE	AT WORKING ACCOUNT		
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	120,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,500,000 \$14,000,000	\$2,005,774	Interim of £2 for first half year @ ex 1/10 = \$21.942	\$89 1/2 buyers London 86
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	£7	£6	\$1,000,000	\$10,228	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	\$81
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000	none	\$14 for 1907	7 1/2 % \$190 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 160,512	Final of 7/6 making 15/- for 1907	5 1/2 % Tls. 100 sellers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$2,506,012	Final of \$15 making \$45 for 1906 and Interim of \$30 for 1907	5 1/2 % 1825 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$591,765	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	8 1/2 % \$190 buyers
Obata Fire Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	\$100	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$372,452	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906	7 1/2 % \$106 sales
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$428,027	\$27 for 1906	8 1/2 % \$330 buyers
Obata and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$1,035	\$1 for 1906	7 1/2 % \$12 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Nil	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.1908	7 1/2 % \$14 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$10,279	Final of \$1 1/2 making \$2 1/2 for 1908	8 1/2 % \$28 1/2 buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£13,755	6/- for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/10 = \$3.154	5 1/2 % \$38 buyers
Do. (Deferred)	60,000			\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000			7 1/2 % \$18 buyers
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 14,510	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 3 1/2 for 1908	7 1/2 % Tls. 47 1/2 buyers
Do. (Preference)	100,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£68,817	Second interim of 1/- for a/c 1908	6 % 49 1/2 buyers
Shell Transport and Trading Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$98	\$1.00	4 1/2 % \$23 1/2 buyers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000		\$2.50	11 1/2 % \$15
Taku Tug and Lighter Company Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 6,869	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 % Tls. 45 sales
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. \$279,371	8 for year ending 31.12.07	5 1/2 % \$130 sales
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. \$135,731	3 1/2 for year ending 31.12.07	5 1/2 % \$17
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 9,173		1 1/2 % 105 sales
MINEING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£11,556	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year end- ing 30.9.1908	7 % Tls. 17 1/2 buyers
Rio Australasian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. £2,191		8 1/2 % \$8 1/2 buyers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$53,601	\$1.75	5 1/2 % \$12
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$5,556	Final of 1 1/2 making \$3 1/2 for 1907	7 1/2 % \$47 sales
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$38,817	Interim of \$4 for account 1907	8 1/2 % \$92 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 33,742	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2 for 6 months ending 31st October, 1908	6 1/2 % Tls. 78 1/2 buyers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 22,560	Interim of Tls. 4 for account 1908	11 % Tls. 167 buyers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 6,531	Tls. 6 for 1907	5 1/2 % Tls. 104 buyers
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Dr. \$1,230	\$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07	5 1/2 % \$14 buyers
Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$9,178	\$1.80 for 1906	5 1/2 % \$164 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$548,975	Interim of \$3 for account 1908	7 % \$90 buyers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$250,000	Final of \$3 1/2 making \$7 for 1908	7 1/2 % \$4 buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	211,173	6 cents for 1908	7 % \$8.65 sales
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	245,261	1 1/2 for 1908	5 % \$30 1/2
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 142,404	Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making Tls. 8 for 1908	7 % Tls. 1 1/2 ex d.
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,109	\$50	\$50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$ 958	Final of \$2 making \$4 for 1908	9 % 44 sellers
COTTON MILLS.							
Kwo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 150,000	5 1/2 for year ending 31.10.1908	5 % Tls. 100 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$20,000	50 cents for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 % 9 buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 275,000	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.9.08 (2 %)	5 % Tls. 74
Luen-tung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 6,372	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.9.08 (2 %)	5 % Tls. 70 buyers
Boy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 28,257	Tls. 6 for year ending 30.9.08	5 % Tls. 75 sellers
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	£12 1/2	£12 1/2	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	£1,500	10/- for year ending 31.12.07 = \$1.037	11 1/2 % \$9 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$25,000	\$1.20 for year ending 31.12.07	10 1/2 % \$11 1/2 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	50 cents for year ending 31.12.06	1 1/2 % \$4 sales and b.
Do. special shares	50,000	\$1	\$1	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	50 cents for year ending 31.12.06	1 1/2 % \$4 sales and b.
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$10,000	50 cents for year ending 31.12.06	1 1/2 % \$4 sales and b.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$8,000	\$1.30 for year ending 31.7.08	5 1/2 % \$14 buyers
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$12,000	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 % \$9.70 sa. and s.
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$5,000	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 % \$12 buyers
Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$185,000	5/- for year ending 31.12.08	10 % \$224 buyers
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	\$1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 30.9.08	6 1/2 % \$19
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$120,000	Interim of \$4 for account 1907	8 1/2 % \$220 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$8,578	Interim of \$1 for account 1908	7 1/2 % \$25
Maatschappij tot Mijn- en Landbouw- exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	25,000	Ga. 100	Ga. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 547,500	4th Quarterly div. of Tls. 10 and bonus of Tls. 10 making Tls. 20 to date	6 1/2 % Tls. 775 buyers
Peak Tramways Company, Limited	25,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 27,603	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	6 % \$14
Philippines Company, Limited	75,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none		4 1/2 % \$8
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Nil	None	6 1/2 % Tls. 121 sellers
Shanghai-Somatra Tobacco Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 24,820	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 1/2 for 1907	6 1/2 % Tls. 105 sellers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	16,150	£20	£20	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 190,000	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	13 % Tls. 437 sales
South China Morning Post, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	Final of 37/6 making 38/6 for 1907	5 % \$24
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	None	7 1/2 % \$14 sales
Tien-tsin Waterworks Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 15,295	40 cents for year ending 31.5.08	7 1/2 % Tls. 94 buyers
Union Waterboat Company, Limited	9,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	Tls. 4,000	Tls. 6 1/2 for year ending 30.4.07	5 % \$10
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$15,000	80 cents on 9,000 ord. shares and \$19.80 on 100 Foun. shares for year ending 31.5.07	6 1/2 % \$13 buyers
Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	\$200,000	Interim of 50 cents a/c 1908	6 1/2 % \$9 sales
William Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000	none	Final of 50 cts. making 60 cts. for the year ended 30th June, 1906	5 % \$4

* These shares are entitled to half of the profits.

DIVIDENDS PAYABLE.

Hongkong & Shanghai B'king Corporation
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited

February 20th
March 27th
March 4th

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"BANCA"
FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods
are being landed and placed at their risk in the
Godowns and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each
consignment will be sorted out mark by
mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as
the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—
From Persian Gulf, ex B.I.S.N. and B. &
S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary before
6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd instant, at
4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in
any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Consignee,
and the Company's representative at an
appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here after which
date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

S.S. "TOURANE."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex
s.s. *Medoc* and *Dynopos* and from Bor-
deaux ex s.s. *Ville d'Arras*, in connection
with above Steamer are hereby informed that
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
Treasure and Valuables are being landed and
stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained
immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignee
before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be
landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed
after MONDAY, the 22nd February, at Noon,
will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 22nd February, or they will not be recog-
nized.

All damaged packages will be examined on
MONDAY, the 22nd February, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. DE CHAMPMORIN,

Agent.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1909.

AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "NORMAN PRINCE,"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named vessel are hereby informed that
all Goods are being landed at their risk into
the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Co., Limited, Kowloon, whence de-
livery may be obtained.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 24th February, at 2.30 P.M.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 24th February, will be
subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before the
28th February, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

ARNHOLD KARBBERG & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1909.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "MONTROSE,"

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND
STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed
that all Goods are being landed at their
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at
Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-
ing undelivered after the 26th instant will be
subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-
sented to the Undersigned on or before the
19th March, or they will